a standard form of checking the accounts submitted by the company. Cost Data submitted by the urea units is subjected to various checks like notifications giving the details about the increase/decrease in prices of inputs, supporting invoices and applying the general principles of accounting and arithmetical accuracy. Allocation of costs are cross checked for accuracy and internal consistency from various sources like annual balance sheet and annual cost data.

New drug for diabetes

4320. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY : Will the MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem, "New drug holds out hope for diabetes", appearing in the Times of India dated the 9th July, 2001;

(b) if so, the details of the new therapy and whether Government are satisfied about the efficacy of the new drug ; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to give a wide publicity to medicine and permit large scale commercial sale/use thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. It has been reported that the drug "Simvastatin" may help to prevent the progress of diabetes related eye ailments. The drug 'Simvastatin' is already available in the country as lipid lowering agent.

Co-ordination Committee on problems of Fertilizer Industry

†4321. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had constituted a Co-ordination Committee during the last month, for extensive consideration of problems of fertilizer industry;

(b) if so, whether the said Committee has submitted its report to Government; and

(c) the action taken by Government so far, on the basis of the report of that Committee?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.